

New Leadership Project being Designed for Young Teens

Are you feeling that you have outgrown your current place in 4-H. Are you searching for something more, but you're too young for all the cool stuff the teens get to do?

Well – let me introduce you to a new 4-H project being offered in Gallatin County that focuses on providing extraordinary experiences for members in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

The new project is called Leadership 4-H, or something the new group decides on, and your involvement will prepare you for a fantastic future. In the project you will meet influential members of your community, learn how to present yourself, develop leadership skills, and gain the experience and confidence to excel.

Project members will meet once per month during the school year (skipping December) for 1 ½ hours. We will begin with a session on “What is Leadership” and progress into Team Work, Dressing for Success, Etiquette, Ethics, Group Decision Making, and community tours of key institutions. You will meet and learn from some outstanding area leaders and have the opportunity to become such a leader yourself. Our goal is to help you develop into a kid adults listen to.

So plan to join us by applying to be part of the “Leadership 4-H” project this fall. Applications will be available in late August and we can only accommodate a small group so apply early. We will hold our first meeting in early October and notify you as soon as we have the date.

We look forward to working with you this fall.

4-H Shooting Sports Workshop in Circle will be September 15 and 16

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports State Training team will host a state workshop this summer. The workshop will be in Circle, September 15-16. Registration deadline is September 1. As before, all participants will be required to complete a pre-test prior to the training. This pre-test fulfills 3 needs:

- 1) Gives participants a background of Extension, 4-H and the roles of each in the Shooting Sports Program.
- 2) Gives County Extension staff an opportunity to meet new 4-H Shooting sports Leaders.
- 3) Gives new 4-H leaders a chance to find their local Extension office, and meet their County Extension Staff.

If you have any questions about the state workshop, pre-test completion, or the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program, or to pick up a registration packet, please feel free to contact the Extension office at 388-3213 or stop by at 201 W. Madison in Belgrade.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Big Brothers Big Sisters' America Reads Program. This Program is a partnership between Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Bozeman, and the Belgrade school system. Volunteers come to the elementary schools in Belgrade to meet with a student twice a week for thirty minute sessions. Matches spend one-to-one time together working on academics such as reading, math and science and building positive social relationships with each other through arts and crafts projects or conversation. Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently recruiting volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year. Can you or someone you know, give one hour a week to make a positive impact in the life of a young person? If you would like to become an America Reads volunteer, or for more information about the program, contact Jennifer at 587-1216 or jenniferL@bigbrotherssisters.org